

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

CHARLESTON DIVISION

GARY G. NICHOLS,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:15-cv-03716

CAROLYN W. COLVIN,
Acting Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

Pending before the Court is Plaintiff's Complaint seeking review of the decision of the Acting Commissioner of Social Security, Carolyn W. Colvin ("Commissioner"). (ECF No. 2.) On March 26, 2015, this action was referred to United States Magistrate Judge R. Clarke VanDervort for submission of proposed findings and a recommendation ("PF&R"). (ECF No. 4.) On January 5, 2016, the Clerk transferred the referral of this action to United States Magistrate Judge Omar J. Aboulhosn. (ECF No. 13.) Magistrate Judge Aboulhosn filed his PF&R, (ECF No. 14), on May 25, 2016, recommending that this Court affirm the final decision of the Commissioner and dismiss this matter from the Court's docket.

The Court is not required to review, under a de novo or any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the findings or recommendation to which no objections are addressed. *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 150 (1985). Failure to file timely objections constitutes a waiver of de novo review and a party's right to appeal this Court's Order. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *see also Snyder v. Ridenour*, 889 F.2d 1363, 1366 (4th Cir. 1989);

United States v. Schronce, 727 F.2d 91, 94 (4th Cir. 1984). In addition, this Court need not conduct a de novo review when a party “makes general and conclusory objections that do not direct the Court to a specific error in the magistrate’s proposed findings and recommendation.” *Orpiano v. Johnson*, 687 F.2d 44, 47 (4th Cir. 1982).

Objections to the PF&R in this case were due on June 13, 2016. To date, no objections have been filed.

Accordingly, the Court **ADOPTS** the PF&R, (ECF No. 14), **DENIES** Plaintiff’s motion for judgment on the pleadings, (ECF No. 11), **GRANTS** the Commissioner’s request for judgment on the pleadings, (ECF No. 12), **AFFIRMS** the final decision of the Commissioner, and **DISMISSES** this action from the Court’s docket.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

The Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to send a copy of this Order to counsel of record and any unrepresented party.

ENTER: June 21, 2016



THOMAS E. JOHNSTON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE